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For: SOLID COMPOSITION WITH  
CONTINUOUS AQUEOUS PHASE  
COMPRISING A HYDROPHILIC GELLING  
AGENT AND A PARTICULAR FILLER  
AND USES THEREOF

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents cited in the International Search Report and listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of entry of the national stage in an international application. Copies of the International Search Report and listed documents, including any co-pending patent applications, are attached.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following relates to the non-English language documents:

1. **EP 0 976 930** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
2. **FR 2 740 678** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,045,814, submitted herewith.
3. **FR 2 759 377** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the U.S. Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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